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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Post Office Drawer 11649

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service and modification of rate schedules; Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

I am writing to you on behalf of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") to advise the Commission that the City of Rock Hill ("City") has increased its bulk water charge for bulk service rendered to USSC. The effect of this increase is shown on the attached schedule.

The increase in this charge will affect USSC's customers in the Barney Rhett and Hickory Hill Subdivisions in York County as a result of the pass-through provisions contained in USSC's rate schedule approved in Order No. 2006-22 in the above-referenced docket.¹

USSC received no notice from the City of this increase, either separately or by way of insert or other language contained in the bills provided by it to USSC. USSC has **not** passed this increased bulk rate through to its customers in the affected subdivisions and seeks hereby only permission to pass-through this increased bulk rate **prospectively**. Accordingly, USSC requests that the Commission accept this letter as the notice required under Commission Order No. 2006-22 and approve an increase in the pass-through to affected customers in accordance with the attached schedule.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Office of Regulatory Staff of this correspondence. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

¹The same provision is contained in the rate schedule proposed by USSC in Docket No. 2007-286-WS, which has been placed into effect under bond pursuant to Commission Order No. 2008-269.

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If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

s/John M. S. Hoefer

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/ccm

Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

| <u>Previous City of Rock Hill Bulk Water Rates Now Being Passed Through to Barney Rhett and Hickory Hills S/D Customers</u> | |
|---|----------------|
| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Minimum</u> |
| All | \$20.96 |
| <u>Charge per gallon</u> | |
| 0 - 7,500 | 0.00299 |
| 7,001,- ,10,000 | 0.00368 |
| 10,001 - 15,000 | 0.00435 |
| Over 15,000 | 0.00570 |

| <u>Current City of Rock Hill Bulk Water Rates Proposed to be Passed Through to Barney Rhett and Hickory Hills S/D Customers</u> | |
|---|----------------|
| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Minimum</u> |
| All | \$22.01 |
| <u>Charge per gallon</u> | |
| 0 - 7,500 | 0.00314 |
| 7,001,-,10,000 | 0.00386 |
| 10,001 - 15,000 | 0.00457 |
| Over 15,000 | 0.00599 |

Source: City of Rock Hill Schedule W (copy attached)

Schedule W**Water Service**

Available to residential consumers in residences of individually metered apartments, commercial, industrial consumers, county buildings, schools, churches and other eleemosynary consumers through a single meter at one delivery point. The City shall charge consumers for water the amounts or sums of money set forth in the following schedule of rates:

Water Service for Inside City Limit Users:

\$10.74 Base Charge plus consumption charge.

| <u>Residential Consumption</u> | | <u>Rate Per Gallon</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| First | 7,500 | gallons |
| \$0.00142 | | |
| 7,501 | — | 10,000 |
| \$0.00214 | | gallons |
| 10,001— | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00285 | | |
| Over | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00426 | | |

Residential Indisde City Limit Irrigation Service

| <u>Consumption</u> | | <u>Rate Per Gallon</u> |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------|
| First | 7,500 | gallons |
| \$0.00142 | | |
| 7,501 | — | 10,000 |
| \$0.00214 | | gallons |
| 10,001— | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00285 | | |
| Over | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00426 | | |

Water Service for Outside City Limit Users:

\$22.01 Base Charge plus consumption charge.

| <u>Consumption</u> | | <u>Rate Per Gallon</u> |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------|
| First | 7,500 | gallons |
| \$0.00314 | | |
| 7,501 | — | 10,000 |
| \$0.00386 | | gallons |
| 10,001— | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00457 | | |
| Over | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00599 | | |

Residential Outside City Limit Irrigation Service

| <u>Consumption</u> | | <u>Rate Per Gallon</u> |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------|
| First | 7,500 | gallons |
| \$0.00314 | | |
| 7,501– | 10,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00386 | | |
| 10,001– | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00457 | | |
| Over | 15,000 | gallons |
| \$0.00599 | | |

Service Deposit: The required service deposit shall be based on customers credit worthiness, determined by information provided by a credit information service company, but not to exceed \$300.00

<http://www.cityofrockhill.com/dynSubPageSub.aspx?deptID=9999&pLinkID=206&parentID=19>